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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W. TW-B204
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Application by Verizon Pennsylvania Inc. for Authorization To Provide In-Region, InterLATA Services in State of Pennsylvania, Docket No. 01-138

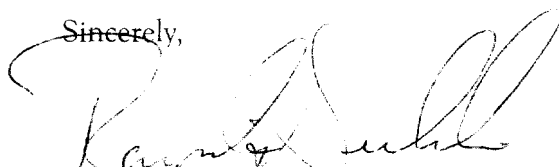
Dear Ms. Salas:

As President and Chief Operating Officer of Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation, I support Verizon-Pennsylvania's petition to enter the long distance market in Pennsylvania.

Verizon's entry into this market would introduce more competition among telecom service providers, which should result in savings for consumers and business. Increased choices generally result in lower cost and improve & expand product choices for customers. Additionally, the long distance option would allow one-stop shopping for customers who currently use Verizon as their local carrier.

Thank you for your interest in this matter and your continued support for small business throughout Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,


Raymond F. Suhocki
President & COO

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